Seizure of Arms, Ammunition and Contraband on Nepal Border

3038. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of arms, ammunition, narcotics and other contraband has recently been seized on Nepal border; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the number of persons arrested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has seized some quantity of arms/ammunition, narcotics and other contraband items on Indo-Nepal border during the years 2004 and 2005 (till July). The items seized include guns, cartridges, explosive substances, *charas* and *ganja*. During this period, SSB has apprehended 184 and 124 persons respectively in connection with smuggling of these items.

Tribals taking to insurgency and Naxalism

3039. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that tribals are taking to insurgency in the North East and to naxalism in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps had initiated to improve the condition of tribals viz. land reforms collecting forest produce, water bodies etc.; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Government to combat this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) There is no perceptible increase in the strength of the tribals who are taking to insurgency in the North East